Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 8-21-2023 / Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Chuck Kuntz, and Mike Gillespie. Bonnie Cook was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chuck made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rocky Adams and Vernon Kinderknecht joined the meeting at 8:15 am. Esther Thielen joined the meeting at 8:41 am. Nancy Hargitt joined the meeting at 8:51 am.

Ron Inloes and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 8:59 am. Denise gave the Commissioners their voucher summary of Accounts Payables. Ron told the Commissioners that some of the county roads will be re-graveled at the Gove County parking lot. Ron also talked to the Commissioners about pickup replacements. Ron talked with the Commissioners about the proposed cost share with KDOT for profile mill and HMA overlay on some county roads. Jason Moses joined the meeting at 9:10 am. Mike made a motion to chip seal the county road south of the off ramp by Grinnell. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Ron and Denise left the meeting at 9:27 am.

Brock Maier joined the meeting at 9:29 am. Gene Tilton joined the meeting at 9:31 am. Brock told the Commissioners about the meeting he attended in Garden City. Brock also told the Commissioners about other chemicals he learned about at his meeting. Brock told the Commissioners about the spraying that Noxious Weed has done in the County. Bob Tuttle joined the meeting at 9:50 am. Brock left the meeting at 9:50 am. Deb Smith joined the meeting at 9:57 am. Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 9:58 am. Gene Tilton talked to the Commissioners about the Hospital Board. Gene told the Commissioners that the interview with Jason Moses to be put on the hospital board was a conflict of interest. Gene also said that he felt the same about Cheri Remington also being a conflict of interest for being on the Hospital Board. Jason Moses joined the meeting at 10:00 am. Duane read Jason's letter of intent to be on the Hospital Board. Don Tilton joined the meeting at 10:05 am. Jason talked with the Commissioners on why he would be a good asset to the Hospital Board. Terri Evans joined the meeting at 10:56 am. Discussion was made with the public about the Hospital Board. Jason Left the meeting at 11:00 am. Conner Fiscarelli joined the meeting at 11:00 am. Conner told the Commissioners that the CFO Viola Babcock guit. Conner said that they were going over the Hospital Boards budget. Gene Tilton left the meeting at 11:00 am. Conner left the meeting at 11:13 am. Deana Zerr joined the meeting 11:15 am. Gene Tilton joined the meeting at 11:20 am. Cheri talked to the Commissioners about the rest of the balance of ARPA money. Cheri also talked to the Commissioners about getting an audit retires this year. Cheri and Bob Tuttle left the meeting at 11:26 am. The Commissioners talked with Deana about her application to be put on the Hospital Board. Deana told the Commissioners how she would be beneficial to the Hospital Board. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:30 am. Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 11:41 am. Deana left the meeting at 11:45 am. The Commissioners discussed who they would appoint to be on the Hospital Board. Mike made a motion to appoint Deana Zerr to be on the Hospital Board. Two votes were a Yes (Charles Kuntz, Michael Gillespie) and one against (Duane Vollbracht). Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Deana will take appointment on August 2ffh 2023 thru June of 2025.

Rocky Adams and Vernon Kinderknecht left the meeting at 12:03 pm. Deb Smith left the meeting at 12:04 pm.

Terri Evans, Nancy Hargitt, Esther Thielen left the meeting at 12:05 pm. Chuck made a motion to recess for lunch at 12:09 pm. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Commissioners and Mark returned from lunch at 1:05 pm. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 1:05 pm. Matt told the Commissioners that the soil was tested on Friday by Terricon. Mike made a motion to ratify the purchase of a pickup purchased on behalf of Duane Vollbracht. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Commissioners called Herman Zerr about the pickup for the Landfill department. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for non- elected personnel for 10 minutes 1:20 pm thru 1:30 pm. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Commissioners opened the propane quotes. Duane made a motion to approve Shaw Propane LLC quote for propane for 2024. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Herman Zerr joined the meeting at 1:39 pm. Herman drove a 2019 Ford F150 to Gove for the Commissioners to look at for the Landfill. Chuck made a motion to approve the Ford F150 for Landfill. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to ratify the purchase of windows for the Court House that was knocked out by hail storm. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ron Inloes and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 2:00 pm. Mike made a motion to approve the Proposed Cost share fall 2023 cost estimate for overlay in Park and Grinnell. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Ron and Denise left the meeting at 2:12 pm.

The Commissioners called Deana Zerr to tell her she was appointed to the Hospital Board. The Commissioners called Jason Moses to let him know that he was not appointed to the Hospital Board. Mike made a motion to approve resolution 2023-5 appointing Deana Zerr on the Gove County Hospital Board. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve Gove Counties Accounts Payables check from 70523 thru 70568. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Commissioners called Patrick Richmeier at 3:30 pm to talk about the location on putting a building at the Airport. Call ended at 3:43 pm. Duane made a motion to adjourn at 3:47 pm. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bonnie Cook Gove County Clerk

Duane Vollbracht, Chairman

Charles Kuntz, Member

Michael Gillespie, Member